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FEBRUARY
TOP 20 TITHES
Received by March 15
(In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	$1806.39
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX.	1482.78
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	1333.42
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA.	861.28
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	807.56
MCC New York, New York City, NY	590.38
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.	547.17
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.	544.55
MCC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.	538.56
MCC Seattle, Seattle, WA	511.16
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN.	488.11
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX.	479.47
MCC of San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.	429.85
Casa De Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ	364.61
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL.	318.90
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA	288.03
St. John's MCC, Raleigh, NC	251.46
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA.	246.72
MCC Baltimore, Baltimore, MD	243.95
MCC Atlanta, Atlanta, GA	231.22

FEBRUARY
TOP 20 TITHES
Received by March 15
(Per Capita)

Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA.	$27.87
MCC Anchorage, Anchorage, AK	18.45
MCC of the Desert, Cathedral City, CA	17.91
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	17.59
MCC of the San Gabriel Valley, La Puente, CA	17.32
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA.	16.56
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	16.36
Exodus MCC of Abilene, Abilene, TX	15.41
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	15.24
MCC of Northern Virginia, Oakton, VA.	15.11
MCC of Omaha, Omaha, NE	14.84
MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	13.77
Trinity MCC, New York, NY.	13.77
MCC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC	13.66
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX	13.54
MCC New Haven, New Haven, CT.	13.41
Christ the Liberator MCC, Princeton, NJ	13.04
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN.	13.02
MCC Midland/Odessa, Midland, TX.	12.36
MCC Illiamo, Quincy, IL.	12.32
MCC of Acadiana, Lafayette, LA	12.32
MCC of Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	12.17

††† PRAISES!!! †††

** Rev. Elder Don Eastman is recuperating nicely from his traumatic stabbing of March 12th. Don asked us to thank everyone for their expressions of support, love and prayers.

** The Clergy Conference in Kansas City, MO was the largest attended in Fellowship history. Over 100 persons enjoyed Dr. Tex Sample's presentation, workshops, worship services and sharing time, despite one of the worst ice storms in Kansas City's history! Many thanks to MCC Kansas City for their hospitality!

** Pomona MCC held a fund-raiser in the Queen Mary, docked in Long Beach harbor, with guest of honor Rev. Elder Jean White from London.

** MCC Ventura, CA celebrated their Chartering Service March 25, 1984 with over 80 people in attendance. Ventura had been a Mission for 12 years. Congratulations!

** ICM in Queens, New York, is growing with 13 active members and was blessed recently by a visit from their District Coordinator, Rev. Jose Mojica.

** Jim Powell, of MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX, has started a new prison ministry in Texas. They are in touch with over 50 prisoners. Keep them in your prayers!

SAMARITAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENT

The following resolution was passed by the Samaritan Management Team at its March meeting:

The Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry faithfully pursued God's call in the founding of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in 1968. Since that time he has given 15 years of dedicated leadership in the ministry of this denomination. He has also graciously given his public support and faithful guidance to Samaritan Educational Ministries.

In recognition of his exceptional service in God's ministry, we, the Samaritan Management Team, direct Samaritan College to bestow upon the Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry, in accordance with the state code of education of California, the degree of HONORARY DOCTORATE OF MINISTRIES on May 22, 1984.

All are invited to the commencement services at 7:30 PM on May 22, 1984 at the chapel of MCC Los Angeles. The Rev. Elder Troy Perry will be our commencement speaker. There will be a reception honoring our graduates in the Fellowship Hall following commencement.

ELDERS MEETING UPDATE . . . The Board of Elders met in Kansas City, MO, March 13-17. Highlights of the meeting included:

+ A vote to file suit against Jerry Falwell for defamatory remarks against UFMCC (a press release has been sent out).

+ Approved Charter status requests from MCC Spokane, WA and Quad Cities MCC, Davenport, IA.

+ Approved Mission status requests from Palm Beach MCC, West Palm Beach, FL and Midland/Odessa MCC, Midland, Texas.

+ Appointed Ms. Daune Littlefield (Agape MCC, Ft. Worth, TX) as Chair of the Task Force on Substance Abuse.

+ Appointed Mr. R. Adam DeBaugh as Chair of the Department of Christian Social Action.

+ The Elders took several steps to begin implementing the Third World Ministries resolution passed at General Conference (see minutes for details).

+ The Pension Plan proposed by the Board of Pensions was also approved by the Board of Elders.

+ The General Conference '85 Coordinator has been named by the Director of Administration. It is Mr. Ray Villareal.

+ The General Conference '85 Theme is "FREE TO BE," taken from Galatians 5:1.

+ The Elders pledged to work with District Coordinators on Fellowship security and contingency plans.

In addition, the Elders and District Coordinators met in Kansas City and the Board of Elders had an in-service workshop on personal and institutional racism.

SAMARITAN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES
CELEBRATES SAMARITAN SUNDAY 1984

This has been a wonderful and exciting year for Samaritan. A brochure which explains what we have been doing is on its way to you for use as a bulletin insert on the Sunday in May you have chosen for Samaritan Sunday. Join us in celebrating God's generous blessings to Samaritan this year!

ATTENTION all persons who provide and plan Christian education programs in local churches! Samaritan Educational Ministries is compiling a mailing list of all Christian educators in the Fellowship in order that Samaritan may send them special resource information on a quarterly basis. If you have not already done so, send your name, address and congregation to either: The Rev. Sherre Boothman, Dean of Samaritan College, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 104, Los Angeles, CA 90029; or The Rev. Jeffrey Pulling, Dean of Samaritan Extended Studies, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107.

AN INSURANCE FEASIBILITY STUDY of the FELLOWSHIP is being conducted by MCC Detroit to explore the possibility of obtaining health insurance on a Fellowship-wide basis. Enclosed please find a copy of the survey sheet. Make copies for your members and mail surveys by April 30th to: Gay Whiteside, c/o MCC Detroit. The phone number is: (313) 281-2567.

PASTORAL VACANCY. MCC MELBOURNE is seeking a mature, experienced MCC Pastor who is capable of guiding a stable congregation to reach out into the Metropolitan area of Melbourne, Australia. The Melbourne area has a population of about 3 million and has a significant number of organizations and bars serving the needs of the Gay/Lesbian population.

MCC Melbourne was founded in 1973 and became chartered in 1974. The Church currently has 50 active members on the Church roll plus a significant number of other supporters. The Church recently up-dated the Pastoral Package at the last Congregational meeting in February. Based upon the current exchange rate of the U.S. and Australian dollars, the Australian dollar is worth about 5% less. Living expenses in Melbourne are about the same as for an average American city, and a little less than for the large American cities. Details of the Pastoral Package are expressed below in Australian dollars:

	Weekly	Yearly
Stipend	$250	$13000
Rent Allowance of up to	80	4160
Travel Allowance	25	1300
TOTALS	$355	$18460

Other benefits offered include furniture for the Pastor's residence, 4 weeks annual vacation, 12 sick leave days per year, public holidays, insurance benefits, and expenses to attend District and General Conferences. Also, the air fare to Melbourne will be provided for the successful candidate plus negotiated expenses to ship personal effects. The Pastoral Package is to be reviewed after the first 6 months, at the end of the 12 months, and then on a yearly basis.

Persons who may be interested in the Pastorate are encouraged to send a letter of application and resume including background in education, work history, involvement in MCC, a tape of a recent sermon if available, any other relevant information, and names, addresses and phone numbers of six references to: Dr. Duane L. Eaks, MCC Pulpit Chairperson, P.O. Box 179, Coburg, Victoria, Australia 3058. Home Phone: (03) 459-6686.

UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP TODAY. This beautiful and newly revised edition is off the press and available from the Fellowship Offices. Its new and appealing format includes 2 color printing, fresh copy and quality paper. We regret, however, that all of this adds up to a new pricing structure:

Single	$ .25
25 Copies	5.25
50 Copies	10.00
100 Copies	18.00
500 Copies	65.00

Please Note: A sample copy is enclosed. All back orders will be honored at the old prices. Prices quoted do not include postage.

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